THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (b) No specific information to this effect has been received.

(c) As per information received from the State Government, a total of 130 persons involved in the crime have been identified and out of them 75 persons have been arrested and 68 of them sent to judicial custody. 55 persons are absconding. Two charge-sheets have been filed in the case so far.

Subsidy on Bio-gas Plants for Rajasthan

1598. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to increase subsidy on bio-gas plants for Rajasthan due to the drought situation and shortage of bio-manure in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme—National Project on Bio-gas Development, which is now called as "National Bio-gas and Manure Management Programme", all States, includig Rajasthan, are advised to plan a minimum or no target for setting up of bio-gas plants in drought affected areas in order to avoid cases of non-functionality caused due to problems, such as migration of cattle, scarcity of water needed for mixing with cattle dung, etc.

Energy Parks in Karnataka

1599. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be plesed to state:

(a) whether the Energy Park project is being implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, how many Energy Parks have so far been sanctioned in Karnataka;

(c) the amount sanctioned to each Energy Park during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) how many new Energy Parks have so far sanctioned to Karnataka during 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of eleven Energy Parks have so far been sanctioned in Karnataka till 2001-2002.

(c) An amount of Rs. 5.18 lakhs was sanctioned for the setting up an Energy Park at Mangalore University, Mangalore in 2001-2002. Funds have not been sanctioned during 2002-2003 as no Energy Park proposal has so far been received from the State Implementing Agency—Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST).

(d) Energy Parks have not been sanctioned so far in Karnataka during 2002-2003 as proposals have not been received from KSCST.

NPIC in West Bengal

1600. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocation made for the National Project for Improved Chulhas (NPIC) for West Bengal during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount utilized during the same period;

(c) the nodal agency which is monitoring the working of the project; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure better implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Information on funds released to and reported to have been utilized by the State nodal department, namely, Directorate of Social Welfare,